

In the Bloomington news department of the El Paso Journal we find the following:

"The Holly water-works had a representative in Bloomington the other day. He will have to do a fine job of talking to make the Bloomingtonians think the Holly system is a success. The scab on the city of Peoria will forever be a drawback to Mr. Holly, to say nothing of the failure of the works at Decatur."

We cannot answer for Peoria, but the Decatur water works lack as much of being a failure as the big-felling city of Bloomington lacks of being a wide-awake, go-ahead town. When it finds itself unable any longer to rival Decatur its scribbles resort to such petty squibs as the above, in order to divert attention from its own lack of requisites necessary to constitute a first-class business and manufacturing point. We are not to blame for Bloomington's misfortune in occupying a location so far from a living stream of water, and at such an inconvenient distance from the great center of industry and enterprise—Decatur—neither do the circumstances justify the charge that our water works are a failure, and the assertion certainly comes with a bad grace from a town which has made so much fuss about water supply, all to so little purpose. Better move away from your Sahara, and come down and live like Christians in this beautiful oasis, where people are not compelled to guzzle bad lager on account of the scarcity of good water.

Come to Decatur and see a live town, with plenty of pure water.

The St. Louis Democrat claims that the condition of affairs in Louisiana is better understood in the City of St. Louis than in most places from the intimacy of the intercourse between the merchants and others of the two places. It therefore considers that it can speak with authority upon certain matters which to more remote points are scarcely understood, which claim is perhaps not without jurisdiction. As an illustration of this intimacy it mentions the fact that St. Louis people had been warned of the anti-Kellogg rebellion, and of the designs of the Democrats to "get rid of nigger rule" some days before that disgraceful affair occurred. Applying this knowledge to a discussion of the statistics of Louisiana, it declares that colored voters are driven from the polls, and that the only remedy for the evil is a law which to people of free and loyal States must of necessity appear infamous. To such people respecting and obeying the Constitution, it seems intolerable that a few men should have the power to throw out altogether the vote of any poll, but, intolerable as it seems, it is, the Democrat claims, absolutely necessary to the existence of negro suffrage in Louisiana. "The negroes, as a class, are just as truly deprived of suffrage, if enough of them to give their opponents a majority at any poll, are prevented from voting, or forced to vote a ticket they do not prefer, as if none of them were allowed to vote." Unless, continues the Democrat, "it is proved that the vote of any precinct where such coercion has been exercised shall be excluded from the count, every State in the Union in which colored men constitute a considerable portion of the Republican vote can be, and will be carried out by the Democrats. The majority will be outvoted with rifles." This is the Democrat's view of the matter, based upon nearer neighborhood and closer examination.

In speaking of Gerritt Smith as 'the last of New York's old baronial chiefs,' a New York paper explains that he owned more than a million of acres. His father, at one time partner of John Jacob Astor, in the fur trade, lived in the jettison of the State where he bought townships as men now buy acres. From the State he took in a single lot 80,000 acres at \$3 per acre. Gerritt inherited most of his father's lands. In the John Brown tract, not as is commonly supposed, named after Ossawatimic whose soul is marching on, but after a Brown of another color. Gerritt owned eight hundred thousand acres in a single tract.

The New York Herald and Louisville Courier-Journal are said when they reflect that the great difficulty with the Democracy of the Forty-fourth Congress, is "the absence of men of brains from the delegations."

Nik Handkerchiefs, at 1000 S. 1000

THE NEW YEAR.

"Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring happy bells across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true."

"Ring out the grief that aches the mind
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind."

"Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws."

"Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in."

"Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good."

"Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace."

"Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be."

ROMAN CATHOLIC VIEW OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.

The New York Freeman's Journal thus indicates its disagreement with the views of Bishop Ryan, of St. Louis, on the application to this country of some of the questions in the Gladstone-Manning controversy.

"In a condition such as we are in, in the United States, it is the dictate of good common sense, and of religious interests, that the largest degree of liberty should mutually be accorded by us Americans to each other in the matter of religion. But it will not do to greet this necessity of our position upon a principle! No, sir! That will not do! It is a necessity incident to our condition." In the little paragraph we have quoted, Bishop Ryan is represented as thinking it sure the Gladstone assault on the Catholic Church will not extend to this country. Yes, it not only extends but it is already here. The question is, whether there rests with us the nerve, or, to speak more Christianly, the conscience, and the humble spirit of obedience to the Church of Christ, to obey God rather than man!"

AN English inventor claims to have made an important discovery in photography. A sensitive plate may be carried in an ordinary pocket and may be fixed in an indefinite length of time without injury, and can be used at any time without the aid of a camera, by simply exposing the plate to the reflection of the object to be photographed for a few seconds. In this way a picture may be taken without the knowledge of the person photographed.

AMERICAN shipping is slowly but steadily recovering from the depression of its interests, caused, or at least aggravated, by the rebellion. The total tonnage of United States vessels is 4,800,652 tons, being an increase over 1873 of 104,626 tons. The canal boat tonnage, which amounts to 133,065 tons, is not included in these statistics. The tonnage of vessels built during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874, was 432,745 tons, which exceeded that of the preceding year by over 70,000, and is more than the tonnage built during any year since 1855. In the four months ending November 10 official numbers were awarded by the Bureau of Statistics to nearly 700 vessels, the carrying capacity of which amounted to 169,651 tons. Of these, 213 (nearly one-third), were new sea-going vessels, varying from 100 to 5,000 tons burden, and having an aggregate tonnage of more than 120,000 tons.

THE Boston Globe forecasts the coming contest in the Massachusetts legislature over a successor to Sumner. Balloting will commence on Jan. 19, and the question whether there shall be a caucus has not yet been decided. The Dawes men express strong desire for a caucus, for the Democratic minority is sufficiently strong, with the aid of a few Republican malcontents, to give trouble. They point to the record of Dawes, and expect victory, the figuring placing him somewhere in the vicinity of 75 or 100 votes, and his chances improve as time passes. His supporters look to see him lead any other Republican when the balloting begins. Of other candidates, Charles Francis Adams, ex-Gov. Bullock, Senator Washburn, and Judge Hoar, the last named is supposed to have the strongest following next to Dawes, as a number of his old friends are re-elected, though his strength it is by no means easy to estimate. If no caucus is held, the balloting will probably open as in 1874, in which case Washburn is believed to stand a better chance than before.

A RESIDENT of Bridgeport, Conn., is the owner of a six-year-old chess. He says "there's millions in it."

Powers, Ferriss & Co. have received a splendid lot of Durr's Men's Shoes and Over-gaiters. They are also making men's fine hand sewed shoes to measure.

TELEGRAPHIC.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.
By Telegrams from the Daily Republic.

THE N. Y. HERALD AFTER THE PRESIDENT AGAIN.

More of the Pacific Mail Investigation.

ALL QUIET AT NEW ORLEANS.

How Marshal MacMahon Celebrated New Year's.

A NEW KING FOR SPAIN.

Other Foreign News.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The Herald has commenced a war upon the President and indirectly calls upon him to explain what it calls a stock jobbing dispatch sent from Washington as a synopsis of his annual message, purporting to give the views of the President upon Cuba. The Herald after briefly discussing the subject says: "This matter must not be allowed to drop. We must have the whole truth of it. The President, under a direct charge of the Washington agent of the associated press, is accused of having dishonored the country. What answer?"

SALT LAKE, Dec. 31.—The Tribune this morning publishes articles claiming to have discovered a conspiracy on the part of Mormon bishops to seize and hold several federal officials as hostages until the federal troops are withdrawn from the territory and then compel all persons opposed to the Mormon faith to leave Utah.

By direction of the Attorney General of the United States, proceedings in equity, instituted to set aside the patent fraudulently procured by A. R. Lookwood, Mormon bishop, for lands occupied by the Utah penitentiary. The land in controversy had been conveyed to Brigham Young, who will be made a party to the frauds.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A Paris dispatch says the Journal Officiel announces that, at the reception on New Year's day by President MacMahon, he will be attended by marshals and generals on duty, and also by Monseigneur Gubert, a rich bishop of Paris, who will stand beside the President. This is the first time since the reign of Charles X. that a prelate of Paris has been so placed, and the fact of the holder of the French Ultramontane holding a post of honor causes a great sensation. Marshal MacMahon thus indirectly a slight on the prerogative of the national assembly, although he possibly never intended to do so.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The progress of the Pacific Mail investigation in New York is watched in Washington with the greatest interest, and each new point in the testimony as it comes out is taken up and thoroughly discussed. Jno. Roach's assertion that he had nothing to do with securing the subsidy sounds very strange to those who saw him here in 1872, and observed his efforts in behalf of that scheme. It was generally supposed, before he testified, that he came to Washington at that time for no other purpose, and that Stockwell had agreed with him in advance that if he would come here and work for the subsidy he should, in the event of success, have the job of building the vessels.

Capt. Bradbury, who was also here in the winter and spring of 1872, would, if he was now in this country, remember about Mr. Roach's presence in Washington, and what his business here was.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31.—The city is quiet and all fears of an outbreak on Monday, January 4th, are dispelled. What the reasons are for this change of front it is not easy to determine. Yesterday there was a threat of ditching the train on which Gen. Sheridan was to arrive, and a purpose to assassinate him if he reached the city. He arrived late last night, and his apartments have been thronged with his visitors all day. He has just stated that, from the best information furnished him, there would be no riot on Monday, and there would be no further co-operation of troops here. There are now four thousand within bugle call. Sheridan will not unless there is a fight.

PRORIA, ILL., Dec. 31.—The Grangers of this county have organized an association for the purpose of starting in this city a grange store. Their capital stock is \$5,000 all of which has been taken. The store will be opened as soon as a proper building can be secured.

A German man of Falker Falkers was found dead in his bed in the lower part of the city yesterday, caused by intemperance.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 31.—At sunrise this morning the thermometer varied from ten to fifteen degrees below zero, and in the northern part of the State from twenty to thirty degrees below zero, being one of the coldest mornings of the season.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—Additional dispatches from Spain that Prince Alfonso has been invited to visit the Army of the North. The ship in the harbor of Santander has hoisted the royal flag. Marshal Serrano, accompanied by the Minister of the Interior, has sent the following dispatch to the Governor of the Province: "Alfonso the Twelfth has been unanimously proclaimed king by the nation, the army and the ministry. A regency has been formed, under the presidency of Concha Del Castillo, without portfolio. We hope your patriotism will induce you to firmly maintain the great interests confided to you. The Alfonsoists consider that Carlism has received a death-blow."

Ex-Queen Isabella has received the following dispatches: "All the towns have responded enthusiastically to the proclamation—signed Primo de Rivera, Captain General of Madrid. We pray your majesty to transmit the news to your son; we congratulate on this grand triumph achieved without bloodshed."

This telegram is signed by General Primo de Rivera and Concha Del Castillo. Isabella, in response to the dispatch of Gen. Primo de Rivera, sent the following telegram:

The King proceeds to Spain immediately. Alfonso has telegraphed to the Pope asking his blessing, and promising that he will, like his ancestors, defend the rights of the Holy See.

Alfonso did not pass through Paris, but has gone to Spain direct. He will disembark either at Cadiz or Valencia.

Gen. Martinez Campez has entered at the head of the troops that were sent to oppose him when he pronounced for Alfonso.

A CORRESPONDENT of The Boston News says that it may not be generally known that Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe held several interviews with Mrs. Tilton after the publicity of the scandal. At one of these Mrs. Stowe asked her how she could be so weak and wicked as to sign the famous confession, if she knew it to be false. The poor Tiltoness began to whimper, and put all the blame on Theodore. She said "He kept nagging me all the time, he wouldn't let me sleep at all, but just kept nagging—nagging about my writing it, till I was more than half crazy, and sometimes I was under the influence of strong medicine and my poor head in a whirl, and so I wrote anything for peace sake, just as I should again if I lived with him."

Mrs. Stowe was gracious and apologetic. The correspondent gives us a quaint portrait of old Stowe and his wife. "They both understand the value of money now, but they spend little more for their personal needs than they ever did. They are both selfishly absorbed in their own work. The old professor ambles about like an ancient farmer, tottering and grim. Mrs. Stowe is in a perpetual reverie about her characters, and thought cordially invites her friends and relatives to go and see her, she is very likely to be unconscious of their existence until they get up to go. She is a literary sensualist, absorbed in the happiness of peopling new worlds."

HERE is a description of the toilette worn by the Duchess of Edinburgh on the occasion of the christening of her infant son: skirt of pale pink grain-silk, with overdress of crepe de chine of a still deeper shade trimmed with superb lace and with bands of white curled ostrich feather trimming. Earrings, necklace, and stomacher of rubies, pearls, and diamonds, and worn transversely on the corsage, the order of Victoria and Albert. The young prince was arrayed in the superb christening robe and cap of Honiton lace in which all the children of Queen Victoria and those of the Prince of Wales have been baptized. It is the fourteenth time this costly garment has been worn, at a similar ceremony.

THE unsavory Mordant divorce case in London, which threatened to be reopened, is to be disposed of in silence, Lady Mordant's father, as her representative, having decided not to defend the suit, so that her husband will obtain his divorce upon making, through his counsel, a general statement of his case. This is the case in which the Prince of Wales was mixed up in the first trial, being one of five who were charged with adultery with the lady; the Prince and two others swore that there was no truth in the allegations, but the other two were afraid to undergo an examination. In the present suit only one man, Lord Cole, was charged with adultery, but he refused to appear in court and so the lady's lawyers had to let the case go by default. The lady herself has been for a long time insane.

THE Illinois Legislature will meet on next Wednesday. From the political complexion of the House it is likely that some time will be spent in effecting an organization. Dr. Rogers is being put forward as the Democratic Independent candidate for Speaker. We hope the Legislature will spare the State the disgrace of electing such a man to fill so prominent a position.—Clinton Public.

OCEOLA, Wis., has the cheapest man. An American in a Wisconsin exchange makes the brief statement that a young fellow of the town mentioned recently frizzed his fingers while escorting a school marm to prayer meeting. Froze his fingers while escorting a school marm! The depth of imbecility could no farther go. When we were young, in 1828 or thereabouts, young men didn't let their fingers freeze while taking school marm to prayer meeting. This news is enough to make the blood boil in the veins of a gentleman of the old school.—St. Louis Republic.

New Advertisements.

TAX NOTICE!

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the real estate and personal property tax list for 1874 is now in my hands for collection. Prompt payment is expected, as time will not permit. All persons liable to pay taxes in the old place—City Register's Office, Council Rooms Building.

J. H. BROWN, Collector.
Decatur, Jan. 1, 1874.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between John Ullrich and D. H. Hillman, under the firm name of J. Ullrich & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. J. Ullrich, assuming the liabilities of the late firm, will call and make immediate settlement with either party who may have claims against the late firm in liquidation.

J. ULLRICH,
D. H. HILLMAN.
Decatur, Dec. 30, 1874.

"Old Established Grocery House."

HAVING PURCHASED J. ULLRICH'S interest in the Retail Grocery Business, I will continue to do business at the old stand. I shall endeavor at all times to keep a complete stock of everything kept in a first-class grocery house. Still using a continuation of the fine patronage extended to the old firm, I am, &c.

D. H. HILLMAN.
Returning thanks to the public for the liberal patronage heretofore known me in the retail business, I would ask a continuance of the same to my successor Mr. D. H. Hillman, who from his long experience in the business, I can cheerfully recommend.

J. ULLRICH.
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SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION TO me directed and delivered by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said county, Illinois, in favor of Martin F. Murphy and against Thomas Davis, I have levied upon the following described property, to-wit: The northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of the south half of the southeast quarter of the south half of section twenty-seven (27), in township fifteen (15), north, range two (2), east of the sixth principal meridian, in Macon county, Illinois, taken as the property of the said Thomas Davis, which I shall offer at public sale at the west door of the courthouse, in Macon county, in said State, on the

21st day of January A. D. 1875,
at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, for cash in hand, to satisfy said execution.

This day of 1874.
ISAAC D. JENNINGS,
Sheriff Macon County.

OPERA HOUSE!

Saturday, January 2d.

TONY DENIER'S

Pantomime Troupe,
Presenting on the first evening the comical HUMPTY DUMPTY ABROAD.

And on the last evening the laughable JACK and the BEANSTALK.

25 Specialty Artists,
comprising Irish, English, and Dutch comic songs, hat spinning, gymnastics, tumbling, acrobatic and ladder dancing, acrobatic, skating on a pedestal, juggling, live donkey, peevish animals, beautiful music.

New Scenery—New Tricks—New Wardrobe.
—THE USUAL SCALE OF PRICES. Reserved seats for sale at W. H. Abbott's jewelry store.
Open at 7 o'clock, commencing at 8 o'clock.
W. H. COLEMAN, Agent.

AUCTION!

MINKLEY & DODSON

Auction and Commission House.

No. 6 N. Water St.

Special attention given to the sale of

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Personal attention given to the sale of

LIVE STOCK

Liberal advancements made on goods consigned.

MINKLEY & DODSON,
No. 6 North Water Street.

ENGLISH BREAKFAST TEA.

Only 25 Cents Per lb.

MINKLEY & DODSON
December 18, 1874-dsm

GARDNER HOUSE!

CHICAGO.
C. H. BISSELL, formerly proprietor of the Madison House, and late of the Fountain Spring House, Waukegan, Wis., has assumed the management of the Gardner and the travelling public.

Terms from \$3 to \$50 per day, according to location of rooms.

"SUSPENSION!"
Hotels, Apartments, and Families to keep free from BUGS should use the

SUSPENSION BED,
Lighter, Cleaner, Easier, more Durable and COSTS MUCH LESS THAN ANY OTHER

First-class Spring. If not for sale, you can send order direct to the Manufacturers

DRAKE & TOWNE,
38 Adams Street, or
FIELD, LEITER & CO.,
MADISON AND MARKET
Dec. 18, 1874-dsm

HAYS & BRUCE

What is a more suitable Present to your wife, mother, sister or sweetheart, than A HANDSOME SET OF FURS. We have a nice lot of them—Alaska, Squirrel, Martin, Lynx and Mink—all prices, just received for the

Holiday Trade!

Also, a case of Sot's, Collars and Cuffs, and Linen and Cambric Hdk's. all in handsome boxes, which are less expensive and very suitable, having been gotten up with that design.

20 doz. new handsome Ties and a new invoice of Kid Gloves, in handsome shades.

We will receive (by the 12th Dec.) another lot of those elegant Black Alpacas, at 50 cents—the best goods ever in the city for the price, (they go like hot cakes); and at the same time 3 doz. more LATEST STYLE CLOAKS.

HAYS & BRUCE

Dec. 3, 1874-dawll.

PRESENTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

I. J. DAVIS & CO.

Have one of the Largest and Most Complete Assortments of Holiday Goods ever brought to the city,

Consisting of—

FINE GIFT BOOKS!

Both for Adults and Children;

WRITING DESKS, PORTE-MONNAIES,

The best and latest ever brought to Decatur;

Fine Albums, Chromos, Work-Boxes, Card Cases, &c.

REMEMBER THE PLACE:

NO. 9 EAST MAIN STREET.

Decatur, Dec. 16, 1874-dzw

NEW ADVERTISEMENT!

S. EINSTEIN

Has now on hand a full and complete stock of

DRY GOODS,

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

He offers special inducements.

DRESS GOODS, SILKS, BLACK ALPACAS,

Empress Cloth, Merinos and Cashmeres.

He also has on hand a full line of

FURS, BROCHA & WOOLEN SHAWLS,

Both single and double. Our stock

Notions, Ladies' and Gents' Underwear,

KNIT GOODS and SCARFS, is complete. We will offer great inducements in all these goods during the Holidays, in order to give everybody a chance to make a Present.

Be sure to call at the old place,

S. EINSTEIN'S.

No. 21 NORTH WATER STREET.

Decatur, December 17, 1874-dtf

A. T. HILL, Pres't. D. S. SHELLABARGER, Vice Pres't. J. F. MOORE, Cashier.

THE DECATUR NATIONAL BANK,

DECATUR, ILL.

PAID UP CAPITAL, \$100,000.00

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J. C. Galt,
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WAYNE BROTHERS,

CARRIAGES, BUGGIES, OMNIBUSES,

PEDDLING AND SPRING WAGONS.

OLD STAND OF DANIEL GAHMAN,

Corner Water and Cerro Gordo-Sts.

PLATFORM CARRIAGES built to order, PONY PLATFORM, PRINCE ALBERTS, PIANO and COAL BOX BUGGIES and LIGHT ROAD WAGONS, of all kinds. Also up to the times, and all work to be first-class. All kinds of sleighs made to order!

FANCY PAINTING A SPECIALTY.

November 17, 1873. (dzw-70)

THE DAILY REPUBLICAN will be delivered to subscribers in any part of the city. Twenty Cents per Week. Local Notices will be inserted at the rate of five cents for the first insertion, and five cents for each subsequent insertion. For time advertisements will be furnished upon application at the office.

DAILY SUBSCRIBER.

Subscriptions to the DAILY REPUBLICAN will be collected every Saturday at the places where the paper is delivered. Non-payment ordered.

We would be much obliged if our subscribers would send the carrier at particular places they desire their paper to be left.

CITY DEPARTMENT.

Happy New Year to you all.
Fresh celery received at Imbo's.

A number of folks took their New Year in the police courts to-day.

Roads are wearing smooth and soon be quite passable where the much traveled.

Choice peash blow potatoes at corner's.

Now is the time to "turn over a leaf in life" for the better.

New Year's calls to-day would be numerous, throughout the city.

